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Our Case No. 659/1528 (K-C 14,954)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Soerens et al.

Application No. 09/579,842

Filing Date: May 26, 2000

For MOISTURE-INDUCED  
POLY(ETHYLENE OXIDE) GEL,  
METHOD OF MAKING SAME AND  
ARTICLES USING SAME

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**SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

This provides a further Response to Applicant's response filed January 30, 2004.

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER			Case No. 659/1528 (14,954)
Serial No. 09/579,842	Filing Date May 26, 2000	Examiner Mullis	Group Art Unit 1711
Inventor(s) Soerens et al			
Title of Invention MOISTURE-INDUCED POLY(ETHYLENE OXIDE) GEL, METHOD OF MAKING SAME AND ARTICLES USING SAME			

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is a (1) Supplemental Response.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☐ Petition for a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension of time.
- ☐ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra
Total	24	Minus	35	0
Indep.	8	Minus	11	0
First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim				

Small Entity		or	Other Than Small Entity	
Rate	Add'l Fee		Rate	Add'l Fee
x \$9 =			x \$18 =	0
x 43 =			x \$86 =	
+ \$145 =			+ \$290 =	
Total add'l fee	\$		Total add'l fee	\$ 0

- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE) in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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